

~~Magistrate Judge Grady J. Leupold~~

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

RANA VARGHESE PAYAPPILLY, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

PAMELA BONDI, *et al.*,<sup>1</sup>

Defendants.

Case No. 2:25-cv-00230-GJL TL

STIPULATED MOTION TO HOLD  
CASE IN ABEYANCE AND  
[PROPOSED] ORDER

Noted for Consideration:  
May 2, 2025

For good cause, Plaintiffs and Defendants, by and through their counsel of record, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6 and Local Rules 7(d)(1), 10(g) and 16, hereby jointly stipulate and move to stay these proceedings until August 20, 2025. Plaintiffs brought this litigation pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act and Mandamus Act seeking, *inter alia*, to compel USCIS to adjudicate their Form I-130, Petition for Alien Relative. Defendants' response to the Complaint is currently due on May 2, 2025. The parties are currently working towards a resolution to this litigation.

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 25(d), Defendants substitute Attorney General Pamela Bondi for Merrick B. Garland, Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem for Alejandro Mayorkas, and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services ("USCIS") Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Director Kika Scott for Ur M. Jaddou.

Courts have “broad discretion” to stay proceedings. *Clinton v. Jones*, 520 U.S. 681, 706 (1997). “[T]he power to stay proceedings is incidental to the power inherent in every court to control the disposition of the causes on its docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for counsel, and for litigants.” *Landis v. N. Am. Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936); *see also* Fed. R. Civ. P. 1.

With additional time, this case may be resolved without the need of further judicial intervention. USCIS issued a Request for Evidence (“RFE”) to Plaintiffs concerning the Form I-130 at issue here. The deadline for USCIS to receive Plaintiffs’ RFE response is June 20, 2025. USCIS cannot continue processing the Form I-130 until it receives and has time to review Plaintiffs’ RFE response. Once processing is completed, the parties agree that this mandamus case will be moot.

As additional time is necessary for this to occur, the parties request that the Court hold the case in abeyance until August 20, 2025. The parties will submit a status update on or before August 20, 2025.

DATED this 2nd day of May, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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*I certify that this memorandum contains 274 words, in compliance with the Local Civil Rules.*

**~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER**

The case is held in abeyance until August 20, 2025. The parties shall submit a status update on or before August 20, 2025. It is so **ORDERED**.

DATED this 6th day of May 2025.



TANA LIN  
United States District Judge